

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING**

October 18 and 19, 1992

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in Special Session in Jackson, Mississippi, on October 18 and October 19, 1992, convening at 1:00 on October 18, 1992, and pursuant to waiver of notice by unanimous vote taken in regular session on October 15, 1992. At the above named place there were present the following members to wit: Ms. Nan McGahey Baker, Mr. William Sterling Crawford, Mr. Frank Crosthwait, Ms. Ricki R. Garrett, Mr. Will A. Hickman, Mr. J. Marlin Ivey, Mr. James W. Luvene, Ms. Diane Martin Miller, Mr. J. P. "Jake" Mills, Mr. Carl Nicholson, Jr., Dr. Cass Pennington, and Mr. Sidney L. Rushing. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Crosthwait and opened with prayer by Dr. Pennington.

Statement by Representative George Flaggs

Representative George Flaggs made two requests on matters regarding the Board's meeting in executive sessions to discuss and decide a settlement in the Ayers case. One request was "to state the reasons for closing the meeting, to express the actual, present need for having the meetings closed and to express the specific, discrete matter that you have determined needs to be discussed away from the public view." The other request was for the Board to allow Representative Flaggs and other members of the Legislature to attend the closed meeting on the Ayers case.

Representatives Flaggs' full statement is shown as **EXHIBIT 1**.

(Note: Senator Doug Anderson made a statement to the press at the Board office after the meeting was closed.)

Executive Session

On motion by Mr. Ivey, seconded by Mr. Hickman, the Board voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Mr. Ivey, seconded by Mr. Hickman, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session for the reason later reported by the President in Open Session and stated in these minutes.

The President reopened the meeting and announced that the Board had voted unanimously to go into Executive Session on the pending litigation in the Ayers case to discuss strategy and plans with Attorney General Mike Moore and private counsel Mr. Bill Goodman and Mr. Paul Stephenson.

On October 18, the following reporters protested the holding of an Executive Session:

Mr. Andy Kanengiser, The Clarion Ledger
Mr. Terry R. Cassreino, The Sun Herald
Ms. Kellie Davidson, WJTV
Mr. Mark Leggett, Daily Journal
Ms. Elizabeth Thompson, WAPT-TV
Mr. Craig Ford, WBBN-FM Laurel-Hattiesburg
Ms. Joye Mercer, The Chronicle of Higher Education, Washington, D.C.
Mr. Paul Barton, The Commercial Appeal

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Mr. Paul Williams, WLBT-TV

In Executive Session, strategy and plans on pending litigation for the Ayers case were discussed with Attorney General Mike Moore and private counsel Mr. Bill Goodman and Mr. Paul Stephenson. The following business was conducted and later reported by the President in Open Session:

Ms. Garrett moved to send to Judge Neal Biggers a statement that the Board does not support merger or closure as a response to the Ayers case. After full discussion, the Board consensus was that it was a premature motion; therefore, Ms. Garrett withdrew her motion for the present.

Dr. Donald Zacharias, President, Mississippi State University, represented the Presidents' Council with all institutional executive officers in attendance except Dr. James E. Lyons, Sr., President, Jackson State University, who was out-of-town due to the death of his brother. Dr. Lyons was represented by Dr. Everette Witherspoon, Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Zacharias presented changes, which were unanimously adopted by the Presidents' Council, to the Board's proposed Admission Standards as follows:

-Under Item #1, "Admission Standards," changing the minimum GPA from 3.0 to 3.2.

-Dropping from Item #1, "or 25 percent of the graduating class or a 13 ACT."

Their proposal would be exclusively a 3.20 GPA in the college core.

-Moving the ACT requirement in Item #2 from 15 to 16.

The Board took the institutional executive officers' recommendations under advisement.

On motion by Mr. Luvene, seconded by Mr. Hickman, and unanimously passed, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approves the Admission Standards, shown as **EXHIBIT 2**, to include the institutional executive officers' recommendations and an amendment by Ms. Miller to change the sentence reading:

"Students meeting these requirements except for a science requirement may satisfy the deficiency with an extra science survey course during the freshman year."

to read

"Students attending a high school where they do not have access to a second approved laboratory based science course may satisfy the deficiency

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with an extra science survey course during the freshman year."

On motion by Mr. Luvene, seconded by Mr. Ivey, and passed, with Ms. Garrett and Dr. Pennington voting "no," it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby presents a model for discussion which includes:

1.All graduate work would be offered at Level I institutions.

2.Merge Delta State University and Mississippi Valley State University into a new university named Delta Valley University to be located in Cleveland and to become a unit of the University of Mississippi.

3.Mississippi University for Women would become a unit of the University of Southern Mississippi.

4.Jackson State University would have an urban mission.

5.Alcorn State University would be a unit of Mississippi State University.

6.Contains the following elements:

-One shared mission

- Admission standards
- All graduate work at Level I institutions
- Reduced program duplication
- Centralized payroll (personnel), general accounting & purchasing
- Coordinated telecommunications
- Coordinated correspondence courses
- Transfer of academic programs
- Faculty relocation incentive program
- JSU Center for Graduate Studies

On motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, and unanimously passed, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approves the movement of certain programs from existing locations to Jackson State University and further approves an increase in funding in the business school at Jackson State University. Programs to be moved to Jackson State University are:

1.Engineering Technology, Bachelor's

2.Social Work, Master's

3.Public Administration, Master's, Ph.D.

4.Environmental Science, Ph.D.

5.Math Education, Master's

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On motion by Mr. Ivey, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and unanimously passed, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approves the closing of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University and the School of Dentistry at the University of Mississippi.

On motion by Mr. Ivey, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and unanimously passed, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby adopts unique elements for its model as follows:

1. Degree Centers at Meridian and Vicksburg assigned to Mississippi State University
2. Degree Centers at Tupelo, Southaven, and Yellow Creek assigned to the University of Mississippi
3. Degree Centers at Gulf Park and Stennis Space Center assigned to University of Southern Mississippi
4. Degree Center at Natchez assigned to Alcorn State University
5. Convert the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory to a system-wide undergraduate center for marine studies

On motion by Mr. Ivey, seconded by Mr. Hickman, the Board voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

In Open Session, on motion by Mr. Ivey, seconded by Dr. Pennington, the Board voted unanimously to recess until 9:00 a.m., October 19, 1992.

At 9:00 a.m., October 19, 1992, the Board reconvened in Jackson, Mississippi with the meeting called to order and opened with prayer by Mr. Crosthwait.

On motion by Mr. Ivey, seconded by Mr. Crawford, the Board voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Hickman, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session for the reason later reported by the President in Open Session and stated in these minutes.

The President reopened the meeting and announced that the Board had voted unanimously to go into Executive Session on the pending litigation in the Ayers case to discuss strategy and plans with Attorney General Mike Moore and private counsel Mr. Bill Goodman and Mr. Paul Stephenson.

On October 19, the following reporters protested the holding of an Executive Session:

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Mr. Rusty Bush, WJTV

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Mr. Michael Woolfolk, WAPT
Mr. Mark Leggett, Daily Journal

In Executive Session, strategy and plans on pending litigation for the Ayers case were discussed with Attorney General Mike Moore and private counsel Mr. Bill Goodman and Mr. Paul Stephenson. The following business was conducted and later reported by the President in Open Session:

On motion by Mr. Luvene, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and passed, with a roll call vote registering Mr. Mills, Ms. Garrett, and Dr. Pennington voting "no," it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby adopts a model as follows:

This model proposes a system consisting of four Level I universities that will become responsible for all graduate level work: the University of Mississippi, the University of Southern Mississippi, Mississippi State University and Jackson State University. Mississippi Valley State University and Delta State University are proposed to be merged to create a unit of the University of Mississippi to be known as Delta Valley University at Cleveland. Alcorn State University is proposed to become a unit of Mississippi State University. Mississippi University for Women is proposed to become a unit of the University of Southern Mississippi. DVU, MUW, ASU will function as "stand-alone" units for accreditation purposes, separate from that of Level I institutions. Level I institutions will have administrative responsibility for units. Jackson State University's urban mission will be enhanced with facilities and programs being upgraded.

LEVEL I: UNIVERSITIES & UNITS

University of Mississippi (UM)

Delta Valley University (DVU)

University of Southern Mississippi (USM)

Mississippi University for Women (MUW)

Jackson State University (JSU)

Mississippi State University (MSU)

Alcorn State University (ASU)

ELEMENTS

1. One shared mission for all Level I institutions
2. Admission standards
3. Level I institutions responsible for all graduate work
4. Reduced program duplication
5. Centralized payroll (personnel), general accounting & purchasing
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UNIQUE ELEMENTS

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 3. Degree Centers at Gulf Park and Stennis assigned to University of Southern Mississippi
 4. Degree Center at Natchez assigned to Alcorn State University
 5. Convert Gulf Coast Research Laboratory to a system-wide undergraduate center for marine studies assigned to University of Southern Mississippi
 6. Close the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University and the School of Dentistry at the University of Mississippi
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On motion by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Mills, and unanimously passed, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby presents for discussion a second model with Mississippi University for Women affiliated with the University of Southern Mississippi, all institutions designated as universities, and movement of previously approved programs to Jackson State University.

After discussion, Mr. Nicholson withdrew his motion.

On motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Ms. Baker, and passed, with Ms. Garrett and Mr. Nicholson voting "no," it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby adopts the position that it will submit only one plan to Judge Neal Biggers.

On motion by Mr. Luvene, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and passed, with Dr. Pennington, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Mills, and Mr. Nicholson voting "no," it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby adopts the earlier approved model as the proposal to present to Judge Biggers.

On motion by Dr. Pennington, seconded by Mr. Luvene, and unanimously passed, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approves the revisiting of the earlier vote on admission requirements. After discussion the motion was withdrawn.

On motion by Mr. Ivey, seconded by Mr. Mills, the Board voted unanimously to

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return to Open Session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Hickman, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Attending the Executive Session on October 18 and 19 were the following persons:

Board members: Ms. Nan McGahey Baker, Mr. William Sterling Crawford, Mr. Frank Crosthwait, Ms. Ricki R. Garrett, Mr. Will A. Hickman, Mr. J. Marlin Ivey, Mr. James W. Luvene, Ms. Diane Martin Miller, Mr. J. P. "Jake" Mills, Mr. Carl Nicholson, Jr., Dr. Cass Pennington, and Mr. Sidney L. Rushing.

Office of the Attorney General: Attorney General Mike Moore; Mr. Lloyd Arnold, Assistant Attorney General; Ms. Maudine Eckford, Special Assistant Attorney General; and Mr. Bob Jenkins, Special Assistant Attorney General.

Private Counsel, Ayers case: Mr. Paul Stephenson and Mr. Bill Goodman.

Office of the Governor: Dr. Jeanne Forrester, Governor's Education Advisor

Board Administrative Office Staff: Dr. W. Ray Cleere, Commissioner; Ms. Ann Homer Cook, Associate Commissioner and Executive Secretary; Dr. Lucy Martin, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Planning; Dr. Charles Pickett, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs; and Mr. Steve Kirchmayr, Special Assistant to the Commissioner.

Attending the Executive Session on October 18 Only:

Ms. Frankie White, Special Assistant Attorney General

Attending the Executive Session on October 19 Only:

Mr. Alan Purdie, Deputy Attorney General

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**Trustees of Associate Commissioner/Executive Secretary, Board of
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EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT 1 Statement by Representative George Flaggs

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**EXHIBIT 2 Institutional Executive Officers' Recommendations for
Admission Requirements**